

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Henrico County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 24, 2017 to April 21, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Gillies Creek Industrial Recycling, LLC (applicant) is seeking authorization from the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for an individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (Public Law 95-217) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from the proposed Scandia Mine #3 project. The proposed 23.38-acre mining site is located south of Interstate 64 and the Chickahominy River, east of White Oak Road and north of White Oak Swamp Creek in Henrico County. It contains two partially excavated ponded mining sites located adjacent to each other and an unpaved road around the perimeter. The two ponds are 19.17-acres in combined size and the ponds will be dewatered to allow mining to occur in the dry as much as possible. The existing access road will be utilized for this operation and no new roads will be constructed. Approximately 370,000 cubic yards of fill material will be discharged into the mined areas, following completion of the mining activity, and temporary unavoidable impacts to approximately 19 acres of open waters is necessary for the fill activity. The applicant has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. This consistency certification is submitted pursuant to Subpart D of the federal consistency regulation (15 CFR 930.5) for projects requiring a federal license or permit.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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